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A Sheaf. By *John Galsworthy*. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. 1916. 393 p. \$1.50.

To one who has conceived a deep respect for Mr. Galsworthy's artistry, despite his vicious circle of ineffectuality and his pessimism, "A Sheaf" is a sad disappointment. At the outbreak of the war American readers looked expectantly toward the three great contemporary British writers—Shaw, Wells, and Galsworthy—for cool sanity in the midst of much blather and confusing uproar. Of the three, Shaw is probably the only one who kept his head throughout. Wells lost his head temporarily, but has found it again—gloriously. Galsworthy has not yet found his. If there is a subtle reason why in this volume Galsworthy should publish side by side essays on the humanitarian slaughtering of animals and essays on the insane slaughtering of human beings, the reader still wonders why the analogy hinted at in this juxtaposition should be betrayed by the statement of a creed which is in effect: "War is loathsome, but this war is justified." Galsworthy places himself on record as believing that England is justified in indulging in loathsomeness for the sake of its honor. The reader is inclined to hope that Mr. Galsworthy will rest now, and wait till after the war, when he will be able to return to his old field of keen analysis, in fiction form, of the inherent hopelessness in British insularity.

The Basis of a Durable Peace. By "*Cosmos*." Written at the invitation of the *New York Times*. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. 1917. 139 p. 30 cts.

The value of this volume to the pacifist for handy reference can hardly be overestimated. It represents a moderate but forceful expression of the views of one consistent and logical thinker on a matter of utmost concern to the world at the present moment. Here are given the whole series of sixteen articles appearing in *The Times* in November and December, with also four letters to and from Hall Caine, and "Cosmos to his Critics," a rebuttal of the arguments appearing in many letters to *The Times* contemporaneously

with the appearance of these papers. We do not think that the letters from the well-known fiction writer, but little-known internationalist, are an ornament to this volume, but they cannot detract from the worth of the rest.

Terry's Mexico. By *T. Philip Terry*. With two maps and twenty-five plans. Gay and Hancock, London; Houghton Mifflin Company, New York. 1911. 595 p. \$2.50.

Nineteen-seventeen or eighteen will see a busy reconstruction of most of the baedekers in existence (if we may be permitted the generic use of the name), and doubtless "Terry's Mexico" will have to be greatly revised, among the rest; but at present it offers the intelligent student of Mexico a valuable fund of information for study. Mexico is still Mexico, despite the ravages of bandits and the many changes inaugurated in the peaceful provinces by the Constitutionalists. The excellent maps here provided and the minute description of the beauties and interesting features of the country will not be rendered less valuable by later revision. Those who know the art of "touring at home" are recommended to start a tour of Mexico with Mr. Terry at the earliest moment. It will render all subsequent information regarding that "rebirth of a nation" doubly intelligible. The historic information of the volume alone is worth the close study of one who would establish in his own mind an intelligent friendship with our nearest neighbor-republic.

The Conciliation Plan of the League to Enforce Peace, with American Treaties in Force. By *Denys P. Myers*. No. 5, Volume VI, of the publications of the World Peace Foundation. 35 p. October, 1916. Procurable from the headquarters of the Foundation, 40 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, Mass.

Our Duty and Responsibility at the Close of the War. By *Arthur Capper*, Governor of Kansas. An address delivered at the Conference of Governors, Washington, D. C., December 14-16, 1916. 7 p. Procurable from the Kansas Branch of the League to Enforce Peace, Topeka, Kans.

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